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3	Srinagar (J&K)	Telephone Instruments
4	Rai Bareily (UP)	C-DOT. E-10B Sub-assemblies, Transmission equipment. Switch made Power Supply & Mechanical parts.
5	Palakkad (Kerala)	OCB-283 Core Equipment & Digital Trunk Exchanges.
6	Mankapur. Gonda(UP)	E-10B & OCB Exchanges.
7	Electronic City Unit, Bangalore.	C-DOT Products.

(c) The company manufactures most of the major equipment required for the Telecom Sector.

(d) The financial performance of the Company during the last three years was :

	1993-94	1994-95 (Rs. in Crores)	1995-96
Turnover	1527.25	1036.62	782.62
Profit/Loss	84.35	(-) 81.91	(-) 283.96

Contribution to Bekal Resort Development Corporation Limited

275. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to contribute at least Rs.10.00 crores as equity in Bekal Resort Development Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to preserve and beautify the Bekal Fort; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). The Department of Tourism, Government of India has provided an amount of Rs.1.90 crores to Government of Kerala for the Bekal project.

(c) and (d). Bekal fort is part of the Bekal Tourism project. The Government of Kerala aims at an integrated development of the entire area.

Increase in Accidents of Trains

276. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY :
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether train accidents and derailments have increased during the last six months resulting inconvenience to the travelling commuters;

(b) if so, the details of trains accidents and derailments took place in each zone, location-wise till date;

(c) the main causes of these accidents and derailments;

(d) the number of persons killed and injured therein, trains concelled/diverted and loss incurred by railways by each of these accidents;

(e) whether the credibility of the railways have been eroded and the Government have failed to take any concrete steps in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Number of consequential train accidents during the period May 1996 to October 1996 was 183 as compared to 190 during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) The main reasons for the accidents were human failure (including other than railway staff), equipment failure, sabotage, etc.

(d) 9 passengers and railway staff lost their lives and 71 sustained injury in these accidents. In addition, 125 persons (other than passengers and railway staff) died and 96 injured mainly in manned and unmanned level crossing accidents. The cost of damage to railway property amounted to Rs.20.59 crores (approx.). Information regarding number of trains cancelled/diverted on account of these accidents is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) and (f). No, Sir. Safety is always accorded a very high priority in train operations and Railways have taken concrete steps to improve safety.

Doubling of Railway Line between Hospet and Hubli

277. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for doubling the railway line between Hospet and Hubli in the Ongoing Gadag-Hotgi line;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.